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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$84.00 in payment for the addition of one (1) new independent claim. In the event that any additional fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge same to CARSTENS, YEE & CAHOON, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-0392. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is needed, the extension is requested, and please charge the fee for this extension to CARSTENS, YEE & CAHOON, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

In response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2001, the Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 19, 20, 26, 27, 31, 32, 38, 39, 43, 44, 50, & 51 without prejudice and amend the claims as follows:

12. (Unchanged) A method of selling a quantity of electric energy between at least two participants, said method comprising the steps of: